

Woodward-Granger Golf

Philosophy

My goal for each golfer is to discover and establish a great work ethic, mental toughness and a foundation of skills necessary for them to be able to play the game of golf at the **THEIR** highest level. This experience will not only be about learning to play the sport of golf but will teach players about the integrity of the game, the importance of following the rules of golf, respecting the course/fellow competitors and demonstrating a high level of character that you can take from the course and into your life. This is a **TEAM** sport made up of a group of **TEAMMATES** working interdependently towards our program goals.

Commitment

Being a part of the Woodward Granger Boys and Girls Golf **TEAM** is a privilege and an opportunity. Just like any other activity or endeavor, you are a part of a **TEAM** and all actions should be for the betterment of the **TEAM**. This is **NOT** just a part-time activity or a chance hang out with friends. You are committing yourself to learn a game that you will be able to participate in the rest of your life and to compete at your highest level. Whether it be a practice, team meeting or meet, the goal is that your contributions to the program will assist us in accomplishing our goals as a group and help you meet the individual expectations you have set for yourself.

Receiving Instruction: The expectation is to put into practice what you will be taught. There is a reason for everything I will teach you and I expect that you put forth the effort to practice and implement it into your game during practice and competition. The goal is always to improve and maintain a **Growth Mindset** no matter the success or struggles you experience.

Code of Conduct Expectations

A) Integrity of the Game

First, show respect towards your teammates, coaches, competitors, hosts and the course you are playing. You have a great privilege/opportunity to learn the sport of golf and to compete in it, do not abuse it.

Second, hold yourself to the highest level of integrity. If you don't know a rule, do not just assume, ask for assistance from me or play a second ball. Do not assume or cheat. By doing so, you are not only hurting your own character but also the reputation of your teammates, coaches and the Woodward-Granger Community.

B) Character Expectations

If you choose to perform any action in a manner that can cause harm to the course, teammates, fellow competitors, coaches, others or your own integrity you will be immediately removed from practice. These actions in meets result in a two-stroke penalty and disqualifications that hurt the **TEAM** and the program.

C) Respect the Golf Courses/Practice Facilities

When practicing or playing always:

- Repair Divots
- Repair Ball Marks
- Rake Bunkers
- Return Baskets to the proper location at the range.
- Do not litter - dispose of your garbage in the appropriate container.

If you chose to not take care of the facilities you are using, I will ask you to provide your services to help Woodward/Jester Park clean up or help maintain the course/facility.

E) Use of Cell Phones

When you arrive at practice please turn your cell phone off. This is just like any other practice when your phone would be in your locker. The only time it should be used is when you finish with your work for the day. If there are emergencies, let me know prior to the start of the practice session so I know the reason for the use. Plus, the use of a cell phone in a meet is an immediate disqualification so start good habits from the beginning.

Exception: If you are on the putting green or range and are using it for the function of music purposes only I will permit its use.

Practices

Practices will be located at the Woodward Golf Course, Jester Park Practice Facility, HS/MS Gym and my classroom.

Practices will range between 1 hour to 2.5 hours of time depending on the skills being developed, qualifying rounds, practice objectives and weather.

Be prepared, on time, have a positive attitude, coachable and ready to work. Practices are just like any other extracurricular activity and I expect you to listen to instructions, work on the skills being taught and learn to enjoy the game! Golf takes a tremendous amount of self-motivation and support from those around you to be successful.

***Practices are not just something you decide to go to, you are expected to commit yourself to be a contributing to the TEAM no matter if you are on a varsity roster or not.**

If you are going to miss a practice or are going to be late for an **excused** reason please inform me in **advance** so I know when to expect you. Unexcused reasons for missing practice will result in consequences in your chances to play and to be a member of the team. **COMMUNICATION IS CRITICAL!**

I will keep the practice schedule on my website under the Golf link, will inform you using Remind, announcements and the weekly email. Practices are always subject to change due to weather, school activities, meets or other coaching decisions.

Golf Meets

For many of the Boy's and Girl's meets, we will be leaving early from school. You need to make sure that you take care of any work from the classes you will miss. It is your responsibility and no excuses. I will be monitoring grades throughout the season and players will need to take care of your school work before you will be able to participate in any meets/practices that week. This also applies to your behavior in and out of the classroom. If you cannot demonstrate the same character that is expected of you at the course in the classroom or community, you will be asked to improve your conduct before being able to participate in meets/practices.

Varsity Rosters for meets are limited to 6 players, but every meet is interchangeable based on the criteria below. The goal is assemble the 6 players I feel will give us the best chance to compete at our team's highest level. There is also limited access to JV meets, meaning some players in the program will have limited opportunity to play in many events. The objective is to provide players with as many opportunities whether in practice or in meets in order to reach their potential and help the **TEAM** accomplish its goals

Varsity Rosters

Determined by the following in no particular order:

- Qualifying Rounds
- Skill Development
- Event Scores
- Commitment
- Coaching Decisions

In the end, as much as this is an individual sport, it takes all 6 members of the **TEAM** in each event to shoot the best **TEAM** score possible. Therefore, I will determine the roster by what is best for the **TEAM**. The expectation is that no matter what the roster looks like at an event we will be great teammates, work together, be confident, have fun, and be successful in what we are trying to accomplish.

Parent Communication/Expectations

Weekly Emails - Every Sunday I will send a weekly email with a summary of the previous week's activities (meets and practices) as well as a preview for the upcoming week.

Questions/Concerns - During the school day, please email me with any questions. If you need to call, please wait until after the school day is complete and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Please make sure that if your concerns are in regards to any coaching decisions please make sure your son or daughter addresses the issue first with me.

Support - Be your son/daughter's biggest advocate and support their choice of golf. It is truly a unique sport and something they should be proud of participating in. Be positive, support them and share their successes with others.

Outcomes of the Woodward-Granger Golf Program

- 1.) Establish a core foundation of skills related to the game of golf including skill development, preparation, knowledge of the rules and a strong work ethic.
- 2.) Instill in the student/athletes a “Growth Mindset” in recognizing successes or failures as learning tools to improve skills on the course and in life.
- 3.) Create a student athlete that develops a strong skill set of high integrity and character they can use when faced with challenging decisions or life’s choices on or away from the golf course.
- 4.) Allow student athletes to find their passion for the game of golf so that they can be successful in competition and take with them experiences they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Woodward-Granger Golf Program Goals

These are progressive goals and as each are accomplished, the next goal becomes a possibility. Based on a Growth Mindset approach.

- 1.) Each Individual golfer will shoot a career low and progressively lower their scoring average by the end of the season as to be playing their best golf come tournament time.
- 2.) Finish Top 3 as a team in the Conference Tournament.
- 3.) Advance to the Second Round of the District/Sectional Meets
- 4.) Advance to the State Tournament
- 5.) Win the State Tournament